

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration showing the applicant's signature, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 31 pages of specification, 8 claims, 1 pages of abstract, 0 sheets of drawings, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☐ Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: -20	0	x	\$18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS -3	0	x	\$80.00	0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$710.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	710.00

☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. ☒ Payment of fees:
  - ☒ Attached is a check in the amount of 710.00
  - ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/160422, filed September 25, 1998, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."

*now abandoned,*

7. ☐ A set of formal drawings ( sheets) is enclosed.
8. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

56. We claim:  
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~~CLAIMS:~~

1. A microbial composition comprising a synergistic mixture of at least following two bacterial strains present in about equal proportion for the neutralization of alkaline waste-waters:

a. *Bacillus alkalophilus*

b. *Bacillus sp.*

2. A process for the preparation of microbial composition useful for the neutralization of alkaline waste-waters, which comprises:

(a) isolating the bacterial strains *Bacillus alkalophilus* and *Bacillus sp.* from sewage by standard method;

(b) inoculating the said individual bacterial strains in an Alkaline *Bacillus* broth medium containing  $MgSO_4$ ;

(c) growing the said individual bacterial strains for 16-24 hrs;

(d) inoculating the said individual bacterial strains from step (c) in a modified Tryptone Soya Broth medium, having original pH value about 7.0, the said pH value of the medium being adjusted to different pH values ranging between 8.0-11.0, using Tris-HCl buffer and NaOH- $Na_2CO_3$  buffer or  $NaHCO_3$ - $Na_2CO_3$  buffer under sterile conditions:

(e) growing the said individual bacterial strains obtained from step (d) in modified Tryptone Soya Broth medium for 16-24 hrs. at different pH values ranging from 8.0-11.0 to selected the 4 bacterial strains growing at pH 11.0 and the